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To the Publication Committee -

I desire to make the following report in regard to the present situation of matters relating to our publications -

The Volume 53 of the Journal is printed and bound, ready for mailing. The mailing, itself, however, has been delayed through the inability to secure the proper wrappers. These are now on hand and mailing should take place within a few days.

Unfortunately, there seems to have been a misunderstanding between Mr. Wood and the printer in regard to the number of the edition. 550 copies were printed. As a matter of fact, we have nearly six hundred subscribers and members entitled to the Journal. Mr. Wood's correspondence with Mr. Marvin shows that 650 copies were ordered. Mr. Marvin thinks that Mr. Wood changed this just before sailing to 550. He is tracing the matter now and will report where the fault lies in a day or two. Probably, the actual run of the press was enough greater than 550 to make it possible for the edition to be completed to 650 which, apparently, is the minimum number which we must have.

I have received now from Mr. Marvin detailed bills of the cost of printing Mr. Miller's and Mr. Ryder's articles which comprise this part of Volume 53. As soon as the question of the number of the edition is settled, I shall present to Miller's Estate and to Mr. Ryder bills for one-half this cost, as was arranged at the time the articles were accepted for publication by Mr. Wood.

In regard to Numismatic Notes and Monographs, the situation is this - Mr. Wood's article on Mexican Revolutionary Coins has been set up electrotyped, but the medal backing for the electrotype plates was only delivered last Saturday and so the press work has been delayed. It will, however, be completed this week, and the first of our Monograph series should be ready for distribution some time during the following week.

In the meantime, I have sent to the printer Mr. Noe's article on Coin Hoards. The composition of this is nearly complete, the first proof having been now corrected and the article should be ready

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very shortly after the Mexican one, as it will not be subject to any of the delays due to experimental work which have held that back.

Mrs. Brett has not yet submitted to me the manuscript for her article on the gold medallions of Constantine the Great. It had been entirely completed before she left but she took it with her for final revision. I received a letter from her the other day stating that it was practically ready, but have heard nothing further. The heliotype plates for this article are ready, and the five half-tones which she, also, wishes to use can be ready in a day or two.

Mr. Marvin was in New York yesterday, and we went over the question of printing monographs very thoroughly. As a result of some suggestions I made, I think we have hit upon a way to reduce the cost quite materially and still maintain a high standard of workmanship. I have been very anxious that our part of the Notes and Monographs should be as mechanically peffect as possible, and I believe that we are going to secure much better results than any of the other organizations have as yet attained. Our first cost - noteably on Mr. Wood's article - is high, but from now on I am sure that we can get the cost to a proper level.

Assistant to Curator

W/E

P.S.

I am submitting, herewith, the page proof of Mr. Wood's Mexican Revolutionary Coins which give a fairly accurate idea of the final appearance of the pages although, being proofs, they are not quite as sharp as the finished article will be.

I am, also, submitting, a proof of the heliotype illustrations of Mrs. Brett's article. These I consider especially satisfactory as the heliotypes were made - some from plaster casts, some from photographs of book illustrations, and one from an engraving. It has been quite difficult to get them nearly the same in appearance, but I feel that the result has been very satisfactory.

With this is, also, a proof of the map which is to be used in Mrs. Brett's article. I am, also, submitting a sample of the type to be used in Mr. Noe's article - and this type will be that used hereafter in all the monographs.

A.C.W.

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